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Eight elementary schools receive national Blue Ribbon award

MADISON — State Superintendent Tony Evers congratulated eight Wisconsin elementary schools that were named 2012 Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education for their success at improving student achievement.

The schools, among 269 named nationwide, are

- Arena Elementary School, River Valley School District;
- Doudna Elementary School, Richland School District;
- Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School, Racine Unified School District;
- Kennedy Elementary School, Stevens Point Area Public School District;
- Magee Elementary School, Kettle Moraine School District;
- Nasonville Elementary School, Marshfield Unified School District;
- Rockfield Elementary School; Germantown School District; and
- Sunset Ridge Elementary School, Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District.

“Congratulations. Only a few schools in the nation receive Blue Ribbon honors each year,” Evers said.

“This award recognizes that staff members at these schools work with their communities to help all students achieve at high levels so they are prepared to graduate from high school ready for college and career.”

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program began in 1982 to recognize schools striving to achieve excellence. Nearly 7,000 of America’s schools have received the Blue Ribbon honor during the program’s 30-year history. Characteristics of Blue Ribbon Schools include leaders who articulate a vision of excellence and stay involved in day-to-day teaching and learning; high standards for teachers, students, and administrators; diligent use of data to adapt teaching and learning to support every student; and a school culture of mutual respect and trust. Evers nominated the award winning schools earlier this year. Each school completed an extensive application and provided evidence of student academic achievement.

Schools earning the award receive a plaque and flag signifying their status as a Blue Ribbon School. A principal and teacher also will be invited to attend a Nov. 12-13 recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C.

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